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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
Bruno BIATRY : EXAMINER: YU
SERIAL NO.: 09/875,994 :
FILED: JUNE 8, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1617
FOR: USE OF PHYTANETRIOL AS AN ANTI-
POLLUTION AGENT, IN PARTICULAR
IN A COSMETIC COMPOSITION



AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 16, 2002, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

B1 1. (Amended) A method of protecting keratin materials from the harmful effects of pollution, comprising topically applying a composition comprising a pollutant penetration limiting effective amount of phytanetriol to keratin materials in need of protection from the harmful effects of pollution.

B2 23. (Amended) A treatment process for protecting a keratin material against the effects of pollution, comprising applying to a keratin material in need of protection from the effects of pollution a composition comprising a pollutant penetration limiting effective amount of phytanetriol in a physiologically acceptable medium.